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 cc: President Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Vice President Al Gore
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Subject: Thoughts On MM 99-25 Deadline Extension
> Date: Tuesday, August 31, 1999 2:30 PM

FCC You screwed up your suppose to extend to 10/1/99 that is original
PLAN

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> Here is the Extension Notice from THE FEDERAL REGISTER.
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>
> And Here Is Some Food For Thought:
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> The NAB originally tried to get the Reply Comments deadline extended
until
> OCTOBER 1. They only got a PARTIAL Extension. Since then, directly
OR
> through "fronts", they've been getting small extension after small
> extension.
>
> NOW they're only 2 weeks short of what they ORIGINALLY asked for.
When
> they couldn't get it all in one bite, they shifted to a succession of
> smaller bites.

> OBSERVATION:

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> The Asian Communists have (or at least used to have) a saying: "How
do
> you eat an elephant? One bite at a time."
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> You know, Hong Kong ... then Taiwan ... then maybe Indonesia, with

all
> its oil and natural gas ... then maybe Japan?? ...
>
> "The Seudetenland is my last territorial demand" ...
>
> Anyway, the NAB has just demonstrated that this classic strategy for
> aggressors can still work.

> QUESTION:

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> I wonder WHY October 1 is so important to the NAB.
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> What is likely to happen AFTER October 1 that:
>
> (a) is not likely to occur before then; AND

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- > (b) could have been foreseen LAST SPRING, when the NAB first asked for an
- > Extension to that date??
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- > The NAB study is already done. A counterattack in CONGRESS could have been
- launched this summer
- > -- UNLESS there's something we don't know, which is affected by the
- > calendar.
- >
- > Maybe some strategic stage in consideration of the revised version of the
- > 1996 Telecommunications Act or auctions mandate? Or something connected
- > with the Presidential election? Or the new television season?
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- > Any of you current or aspiring tacticians have any ideas?
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- > In the meantime, circle OCTOBER 1 on your calendar.
- > And keep your powder dry.
- >
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- >
- > Yours,

Date: 8/31/99
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"To widen the market and to narrow the competition is always the interest of the Ed Frits and The NAB...and crush Free Enterprise And Monopolize the Publics Air Ways.It comes from an order of men The NAB, whose interest is never exactly the same with that of the public, who have generally an interest to deceive and even to oppress the public, and who accordingly have, upon many occasions, both deceived and oppressed it,LPFM FCC Docket MM 99-25"

Mr.Klein please File Charges i want my airways back.

Status: Much of this law 1934 Communications Act, remains unenforced because of the FCC's Misconduct(Monopolization of Air Spectrum)

of their Offical Position of Law Makers ,Mr.Klein it is your Duty to Press Charges of Felony and Anti- Trust Violations By The NAB,Theft of My Airways.

I Charge The NAB With a (Felony a Major Crime) for The Theft and Monopolization of Mrs.Olga D'Alessandro Airways, and The Citizens of The

United States.Mr.Klein please File Charges i want my airways back

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REGRESS ALL NAB,CPB,AND NPR, STATIONS TO 10 TO 3000 WATTS TO SERVE THEIR
COMMUNITY OF LICENSE,PER. THE 1927 RADIO ACT AND 1934 COMMUNICATIONS
ACT,RETURN THE PUBLIC OWNED AIRWAYS,BACK TO THE PEOPLE.

The NAB Will not Morally Debase,and Decay
the Custom Laws of The United States

The NAB has no Constitutional Law to stop and or
should not even attempt to squash this opportunity of what our
Country was
Built on Free Enterprise.
All of the NAB need to be held accountable,and liable for
this Act of Betrayal,and Trust of the American Public,by the
Monopolization

of the Publics Airways!.

Give Mrs.D'Alessandro Her Airways Back She Claim's Her 3 Square Miles to
Serve Her Community!!!! 50 Watts ERP.

The NAB has taken away Mrs.D'Alessandro opportunity and her Civil
Right Under Her Constitutional Right to own a Community Broadcast
Station,The NAB has Monopolized Mrs.D'Alessandro's Air Spectrum,threw
Misuse of (ERP) Watts,Only the Rich and Radio Conglomerates can Own a
Radio

Station.99.9 % of the American Citizens are EXCLUDED,SHUT OUT,AND
REJECTED
FROM USEING THEIR AIR SPECTRUM.

1. From the Bill of Rights: "Congress shall make no law
respecting
an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise
thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the
press..." (FCC Docket MM 99-25)

2. Article 19: "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion
and
expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions
without
interference and to seek, receive and impart information and
ideas
through any media and regardless of frontiers." Mr. D'Alessandro's has
the Right to Broadcast to her Community 3 Square Miles.

Mr.JOEL I. KLEIN: DOJ:

" Excuse my Spelling,and English I suffer from Dyslexia."

The Communications Act of 1934

Philosophical and Legal Foundations of Commercial Radio

The basic landmark agreement between commercial television and the people of the United States was established in the Communications Act of 1934 and has become the unifying thread of all telecommunications laws since then. The basic agreement was actually established in the years before.

This important law established basic philosophical principles:

- 1. The airways are public property, Custom Law Of Our Nation.
- 2. Commercial broadcasters are licensed use the airways, Non-Commercial No License required.
- 3. The main condition for use will be whether the broadcaster served "the public interest, convenience, and necessity of their Community." not how

much money one can earn.

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of their Official Position of Law Makers, Mr. Klein it is your Duty to Press Charges of Felony and Anti-Trust Violations By The NAB, Theft of My Airways.

Mr. Klein i press Charges Against The NAB Threw the DOJ, They have Violated My and Mrs. D'Alessandro's Right to Free Enterprise, These Charges are Anti-Trust Felonies, Monopoly of My Airways.

A. I do not charge The NAB with Radio (Monopolization) Consolidation:

B. I Charge The NAB With Monopolization and Theft of the American Citizens Airways, Threw the Misuse of ERP (Watts) To serve their License Community:

" BROADCASTING, THE CONSTITUTION AND DEMOCRACY "

You Do Not Have To Be A Lawyer. or Have A Phd. To Realize the Custom Law Of Our Nation in respect to FCC Licening and Radio Broadcast Stations are Being Wrongly Misused In Conjunction With A Felony and Monopolization Of Mrs.

Olga D'Alessandro Air Spectrum,To Broadcast To Her Community Of 3 Square Miles.

The Supreme Court has consistently upheld the principle that broadcasters can be required to act in the public interest. The landmark case is Red Lion v. Federal Communications Commission. Despite changes in FCC policy over time, that 1969 decision remains a crucial legal interpretation of broadcast law," making clear that the broadcast spectrum is owned by the public, whose Community interests must be served.

The Communication Act,s Distinetly and Well Defineds the Licensing of a Radio Broadcast Station For the American Public,not Radio Conglomerates,This Law is the Custom Law Of The Nation of all the Citizens of The United States,it is Controlled by The Federal Government "FCC" not Lacale or State Laws.The Acts Define a License to be issued only to the Community to be Served,not to the entire State or Several States.

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much money one can earn.

Mr.JOEL I. KLEIN: DOJ:

You need to Charge, The NAB And FCC for the Monopolization of the Publics Airways.They have without Thought removed "Free Enterprise" from Mrs.Olga D'Alessandro and the American Citizens,who can not use their Airspace to

Broadcast to their Communities,do to the Monopolization of the Publics Airways,i want mine back,or "I WANT TO BE RECOMPENSED" i demand you File

Charges on My and Olga's Interest and Support.

NAB Is Breaking the LAW in a conspiracy ,to stop Mrs.Olga D'Alessandro from Free Enterprise,to stop Mrs.D'Alessandro from using Her Airspace Spectrum!!For Community Service.

Working Washington*s Special-Interest Money System

How has the NAB been able to get so much support for its grab of \$70-billion worth of corporate welfare?

Monopolization of the Publics Airways!

The answer lies with two powerful advantages the NAB lobby wields. First, NAB is a major presence in every congressional district in the country. They have the power to report and shape the news, including the power to control how issues affecting their own operations Air Space "SPECTRUM"*such as the spectrum

giveaway*are

covered. They also control how, and if, Members of Congress appear on radio and television. That makes

legislators

extremely reluctant to take them on. "Most lawmakers don*t have the nerve to poke a stick in the eye of over-the-air network conglomerates," noted one telecommunications lobbyist.

Second, the NAB is a successful players in the Washington special-interest money game. NAB give generously to political candidates. They also spend millions to lobby

Congress, the Administration and the FCC, making sure that those who carry their message to the White House and Capitol Hill have stellar connections to Washington*s power elite. The NAB spend lavishly at the political conventions to curry favor. And they pay for

"fact-finding"

trips by congressional aides to learn their side of the

issues.

"The Sherman Anti-Trust Act

of
1890"

SECTION 1 Every contract, combination in the form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy, in restraint of trade or commerce among the several States, or with foreign nations, is declared to be illegal. Every person who shall make any contract or engage in any combination or conspiracy hereby declared to be illegal shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by fine not exceeding ten million dollars if a corporation, or, if any other person,

three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding three years, or by both said punishments, in the discretion of the court.

A. CONSPIRACY = NAB and RADIO CONGLOMERATES and FCC restraint of trade or commerce among the several States, or with foreign nations, is declared to be illegal.

SECTION 2 Every person who shall monopolize, or attempt to monopolize, or combine or conspire with any other person or persons, to monopolize any part of the trade or commerce among the several States, or with foreign nations, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by fine not exceeding ten million dollars if a corporation, or, if any other person, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding three years, or by both said punishments, in the discretion of the court.

Remove all NAB TRANSLATORS AND REPLACE WITH LPFM TRANSMITTERS
FCC DOCKET MM 99-25.
REGRESS ALL NAB STATIONS TO 10 TO 3000 WATTS TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY OF LICENSE,NOT STATE OR SEVERAL STATES.
THE AIRWAYS BELONG TO MRS.OLGA D'ALESSANDRO AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC FREE ENTERPRISE FOR MRS.OLGA D'ALESSANDRO TO USE HER AIRSPACE TO BROADCAST AND SERVE HER COMMUNITY,NOT STATE OR SEVERAL STATES.

FCC you must be Conscionable and all NAB Stations need to be
Retrogession
to 10 to 3000 WATTS,so Olga,Woman,Blacks,Minorities can Partake
and use
their Airways to operate a LPFM Broadcast Station,the NAB Will
not
Monopolize the Publics Airways with Unnecessary Airway Spectrum
Abide by
the Law and their is Plenty for all.

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I urge you to adopt rules for licensing Low Power FM radio that prioritize the needs of under-served and under-financed communities. Your office has the power and the mandate to ensure that ordinary people can claim a piece of the pie that big corporations have dominated and controlled for years. I am confident you agree that broad citizen access to information and culture is at the heart of a democratic society.

To support this vision, I urge you to legalize microradio with the following in mind:

1. This should be a completely non-commercial service. The current radio spectrum is dominated by commercial media. LPFM licenses should go to non-commercial community groups who want to use radio to communicate to the constituents and their neighbors, not to make a profit. It should always be free of the muting influence that pleasing advertisers it always carries with it.
2. Microradio licenses should be held locally, be non-transferable, affordable to all communities, easy to apply for and limited to one per license holder; they should NOT be businesses.
3. Power levels should be up to 100 watts in urban areas and up to 250 watts in rural areas.
4. No secondary status should be allowed, that is, microstations should not be subject to losing the frequencies just because someone wants to set up a more powerful station in the neighborhood.
5. Microbroadcast pioneers, who created this moment by courageously committing civil disobedience, in the tradition of Ghandi and Martin Luther King, and for their pains have suffered government seizure and fines should receive amnesty, have their property returned, and be prioritized for new licenses.
6. Problems, technical or otherwise, should be referred to local voluntary micropower organization for assistance or mediation (as is done in the ham radio world). The FCC should be the forum of last resort.
7. LPFM must be included in the future of digital radio.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of these vital issues.

Sincerely,
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Dear FCC,

Please consider the comments sent to you on behalf of community-based microradio stations from those of us who would not benefit appreciably if these licenses are granted to the highest bidders or chosen by lottery in light of said licenses being renewable and obtainable in quantity by one source as opposed to a more democratic system of nonrenewable licenses granted only one per owner to a broader spectrum of community activists and smalltime private broadcasters.

As it is your stated purpose to open up electronic communications networks to the maximum number of people of diverse viewpoints possible, this is by far the fairest and most truly democratic course to take. We who have followed the history of radio and other public media resources over the years have seen the potential for abuse when one corporate or government interest owns too much of the airwaves and is not subject to any real competition or criticism of their practices.

I have also mailed a couple of petitions signed by people in my area who would like to see the licensing of microradio handled in a fairer manner than the most recent proposal I read on your website offering religious organizations, public officials and highest bidders in a lottery-type system what is essentially a first crack at obtaining licenses. Radio is a precious national resource and should be enjoyed by all. Please don't give in to the megalithic corporate interests who have dominated the airwaves for too long as they no doubt will try to buy up licenses or otherwise attempt to eliminate unwanted competition. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,
Mark Nuismer

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Please associate my comments with the subject document CC 99-200

I have been having insurmountable (to date) problems with Southwestern Bell in getting numbers, both business and residential, ported. As a result I have had to tie up FOUR numbers to get to use TWO numbers that I want to retain.

I know of others who are having to do the same thing. Sw Bell just "stonewalls" on allowing the porting of the numbers. They say they can't do it because they are not "tariffed" to do so. They quoted the Texas PUC as being the organization that tariffs them.

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I called Tom Hunter at the Texas PUC and he said that the FCC is the agency that tariffs porting.

I called Tejal Mehta at FCC and commented verbally by telephone to her. She said most effective would be for me to submit written comments. She directed me to the FCC web site. Incidentally, it is not easy to determine how to submit comments. I had to make another long distance call to find how to do it!

My point is, if numbers were truly portable by the person/company using them, many numbers would be freed for use!

I understand competing local service providers could port the numbers if I changed from Sw Bell., but I cannot find, from Sw Bell, or other sources who the competitors are, if any, in Austin, Texas.

Sw Bell operations are so fragmented, it is almost impossible to get anything done. One person may say they can do something, as in my case, then, without notice to the customer (me, in this case), another department kills the order! In the meantime, they cut off my line, then did not add services I requested, then killed the three orders they had written in response to my request, ALL WITHOUT LETTING ME KNOW.

To add to the frustration, I could not reach their order department during these last three days. I never got to a human. In each case, the final computer message was: "We are very busy. It is best if you hang up and call again". After repeating that a couple of

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times, the final insulting message is "This call will disconnect in five seconds." (and it does disconnect.). Other departments in Sw Bell are going through the same frustration with their own inability to contact their own order department. I have been repeatedly kept waiting thirty minutes or more while their own employees try to contact their order department.

Aaaarrggghhh! Help!

Let's have total number portability! The technology allows it!

Marie H. Jenkins, P. E.